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Computer to Analyze Newsmen?

DES MOINES, Iowa — A Des Moines computer firm president met twice with the CIA to discuss selling a computer program to the agency possibly to analyze news stories or the reporters who produced them, the Des Moines Sunday Register reported.

The Register quoted a "well placed source" as saying the CIA wanted to use GMI'S Quester program to analyze stories produced by the Associated Press and United Press International.

Dr. Charles Cleveland, a Drake University professor and president of GMI, Ltd., said he wasn't sure his computer program could anylyze news copy because "we've never tried it. and added that "we certainly don't intend to try it. He declined comment, as did the CIA.